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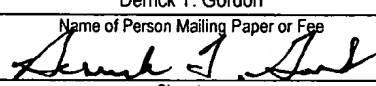
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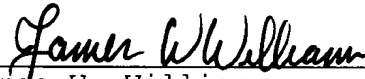
- (1) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. (A) 8-254751 (CANON INC), published October 1, 1996;
- (2) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No (A) 11-183978 (NIKON CORP), published July 9, 1999; and

- (3) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application  
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